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SEC Office Expanded

Considerable expansion and renovation of the Southeast Conference Office in Atlanta has been undertaken by Central Congregational Church, from whom the SEC rents its offices. Some of the work has been done by contractors but much of it has been done with volunteer help by members of the Central Church congregation.

The expansion includes more general office space, an office for William Andes, Conference Minister, an office for Joyce B. Myers, Associate for the Southern Region with Office for Church Life and Leadership, and a conference room. The SEC has had to purchase more equipment and furniture for its new offices. One of the needs is a circular table or 8 foot long conference table and 8 to 12 chairs to be used in the Conference Room. If anyone can help us in acquiring a conference table or chairs, please contact the Southeast Conference, P.O. Box 29883, Atlanta, GA 30359.

"One World, One Family" Theme of OGHS Offering

"One World, One Family" is the theme of the 1979 One Great Hour of Sharing. The materials for this all-church offering are sent automatically to each congregation of the United Church of Christ, unless a congregation has requested that no materials be sent. Sample copies appear in the January-June 1979 KeyPak for church leaders. This year, in addition to the usual promotion guide, poster, and offering envelope, there are two fliers for adults and a folder for children, a World Hunger Fact Sheet, a filmstrip: "Sharing With Our World Family," and a packet of stencil inserts.

Local congregations are urged to plan

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17/76 Update

The 17/76 Achievement Fund Campaign, initiated by the United Church of Christ to raise much needed funds for six AMA colleges related to the United Church and for overseas educational endeavors, is entering the final "winding-down" phase of the campaign. As of September 30, 1978 the 17/76 statistics were as follows:

Remitted to NY	\$8,325,137.91
Direct to colleges	448,280.13
Conference retentions	411,128.92
Direct to UCBWM	24,864.20
TOTAL	\$9,209,411.16

It is hoped that the 10 million mark will be reached by the end of the campaign.

Some \$65,690 has been contributed to the 17/76 Campaign by churches of the Southeast Conference.

US-China Relations Welcomed

Speaking on behalf of the General Synod of the United Church of Christ, UCC President Avery Post and UCBWM executive Vice-President David Stowe welcomed the establishment of diplomatic relations between the U.S. and the People's Republic of China. Post and Stowe reiterated that in 1971 the General Synod of the UCC urged that the People's Republic of China be accepted as a member of the United Nations and that relations between the U.S. and the PRC be normalized, a position reiterated again in 1977 by the United Church Board for World Ministries.

In response to the re-establishment of diplomatic relations, Post and Stowe stated that "one of the most significant elements in the new Chinese policy is the plan for large-scale exchanges of personnel with the U.S., including the sending of thousands of young people for study in the West. Christian churches must be alert and ready to share cordially in these enlarging contacts, contributing both good-will and Christian perspectives to the process of communication which now appears to be opening up."

UCC-Disciples Merger Talks

Recommended

The 1.8 million-member United Church of Christ and the 1.3 million-member Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be asked this year to intensify interrelationships begun during two years of exploratory conversations about union. However, a joint working group of the two denominations, charged with guiding exploratory conversations during the past 18 months, will not ask for the initiation of formal union negotiations.

The working group based its recommendations on written responses, mostly favorable, from more than 150 local church study groups, from UCC conferences and Disciples regions and from most of the national program arms of the churches.

The 14-member group, headed by the presidents of the two churches, will make a report that calls on the general legislative bodies to increase study and interaction at all levels in the two denominations during the next six years.

"We detect a willingness to explore the possibilities of a new community of faith but see no clear call for union negotiations at this time," said the Rev. Avery D. Post, New York, NY, president of the UCC, and Kenneth L. Teegarden, Indianapolis, IN, president of the OC(DC), both of whom co-chair the joint working group.

The two presidents further said, "The working group feels that while the churches are not ready to vote on union they dare not abandon each other. Oneness in Jesus Christ is God's gift and efforts must continue to make it real."

The recommendation of the joint working group will go through denominational processes leading to action by the United Church of Christ General Synod in Indianapolis, IN, June 22-26, and the Disciples' General Assembly in St. Louis, MO, October 26-31.



[l-r] Church leaders Winston Cunningham, Wayne Austin and land owners Carolyn Kilgore and Julian Baughn.

Button Gwinnett UCC Purchases Site for Church

A beautiful 4.9 acre site, located in Lilburn, GA, has been purchased by Button Gwinnett UCC, a new church start of the SEC. Participating in the official purchase on January 5, 1979 were Button Gwinnett officers Wayne Austin, Moderator; Winston Cunningham, Chairperson of the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board of Stewardship, SEC Conference Minister William Andes, land owners Carolyn Kilgore and Julian Baughan and Nancy Holland, Attorney at Law.

The land closing culminated months of work involving Wayne Austin and Joyce Percival from the church's site selection committee, the UCC Board for Homeland Ministries, Dr. Charles Burns and the Florida Conference UCC, John Potts, UCC Office of Church Building and George Bennett, Minister of the church.

Land owners Carolyn Kilgore and Julian Baughan expressed delight that their old home place was purchased by the church.

The land will be held by the Southeast Conference until the church is incorporated and assumes standing in the Conference.

On Saturday, January 6, the Stewardship Committee of the Gwinnett UCC church met with Rev. Ed Mehlhaff, staff member of the Southeast Conference, to develop a year long program of Stewardship and Evangelism.

Button Gwinnett UCC is the first of a projected five new church starts in the Southeast Conference.

Huntsville United Church Calls Minister

Rev. H. Eugene Keen, recently retired Captain, U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps, was called as minister of the Huntsville United Church, Huntsville, AL on January 7, 1979. Rev. Keen is a native Mississippian as is his wife, the former Margaret Shepard. Having lived for the past five years in Virginia Beach, VA, the Keens have three sons and two daughters-in-law who are presently making their homes in Virginia and Georgia.

Rev. Keen received his BA from Mississippi College; his M.Div. from New Orleans Baptist Seminary. He has one year of Post Graduate work from Harvard Divinity School and is a graduate of the Naval War College, Newport, RI and the Senior Chaplains School, also in Newport.

During his 23 years as a Navy Chaplain, he served in many types of ships from destroyers to aircraft carriers, several Navy/Marine Corps Air Stations, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC and was overseas with the Marines on two occasions. His last duty was Force Chaplain, U.S. Naval Air Forces, Atlantic Fleet and Senior Chaplain, Naval Air Station, Norfolk, VA. In this assignment he supervised 52 navy chaplains serving on Naval Air Stations east of the Mississippi River and west of the Indian Ocean, plus 14 chaplains serving in the seven Aircraft Carriers in the Atlantic Fleet.

Rev. and Mrs. Keen will arrive in Huntsville "for duty" on the first of February. They are very enthusiastic about their new career with "civilians."

Fisk, Nashville United Churches To Host Jubilee Singers

Working cooperatively, Fisk University and the three United Churches in Nashville will host the Jubilee Singers In Concert, to be held at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 25 at First Evangelical and Reformed UCC, Granny White and Nolton, Nashville, Tennessee.

The concert will be open to the public and other SEC church members are invited to attend. Seating will be on a first come, first serve basis. Plan to arrive early.

The concert has been planned not only to provide the community with an excellent musical program, but to introduce Fisk University to those unfamiliar with its excellent educational and cultural programs and to make the community aware of the United Church of Christ and our historic relationship to Fisk.

An offering will be taken, the proceeds of which will go to Fisk University. Following the performance, a reception for singers and audience alike will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

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their promotion of OGHS to begin on February 26th and continue through the Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 25th. This year, an offering envelope, an adult folder, and a children's folder are also available for Spanish-speaking congregations. Materials for OGHS are, of course, free of charge.

The One Great Hour of Sharing annually raises funds used for Christian action and service in more than 70 nations around the world to help persons left homeless and hungry by drought and famine, earthquakes and floods, wars and injustice, and to help people in the Third World more adequately undertake long-term agricultural development needs.

Make your OGHS contribution this year the most generous one you have ever made. We live in one world and we are part of one human family. Our sharing in this One Great Hour lies close to the heart of the Gospel.

ATTENTION

All East Alabama Association pastors are invited to Tara Restaurant, Roanoke, Feb. 24, 12 Noon CST to meet with pastors of the Disciple Churches for a dutch lunch. The Rev. Carl R. Flock, Alabama Area Minister, will be the speaker.

Planning For Vacation Church School

Summer is a time for fun and relaxation, but it can also be a time for learning, growing, and maturing. Vacation church school offers an excellent opportunity to help children and youth discover some new things about who they are and how they can assume some of their God-given responsibilities.

The Vacation Ventures Series for 1979 offers timely and well-planned resources to make your vacation church school a worthwhile experience. The theme for this year is **MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE**. The resources are designed to help children and youth discover their unique role in God's world and to learn how they fit into an ever-widening Christian community. The Vacation Ventures Series is an integral part of our United Church Christian Education: Shared Approaches system of curriculum resources. The UCC helped develop the resources and they are recommended for use in our churches.

The time to begin preparing for vacation church school is now! To help you get off to a good start, appoint a planning committee now and order a Vacation Ventures Series Preview Kit from: Cokesbury Regional Service Center, 201 Eighth Ave., South, Nashville, TN 37202. The cost is \$22.75 for a limited time. The kit will show you just what's in store for your children and youth this summer.

Are You Sharing "Share"?

The United Church Board for Homeland Ministries has published a questionnaire in the Spring issue of "JED Share." It seeks to determine the value of the free copy of this publication which is mailed to each UCC congregation. Please be sure that someone in your church is asked to respond by March 1 so that this free copy will not be discontinued. "JED Share" is an excellent resource for all of your educational leaders and teachers.

In addition to your response, now is a good time for you to check your system of circulation of "Share" among your teachers and leaders. Is it reaching everyone who is responsible for education in your congregation?

"Share" speaks to Christian education needs in churches of all sizes and is filled with good suggestions and innovative ideas. Use it!



New bulletin board in front of First Congregational Church, UCC, Savannah, GA

First Church, Savannah Dedicates Bulletin Board

First Congregational Church, UCC in Savannah, GA, which last year was recognized by the Historic Savannah Foundation as one of the city's landmarks and was awarded a citation for recent renovation and restoration of the church building, dedicated a new church bulletin board in a special service at the church held on January 31.

Following approval for its erection by the Savannah Historic Review Board, the bulletin board was placed near the front door of the church. Designed by Savannah architect Leon Jay Meyer, the board is made of impervious materials to enable it to withstand all kinds of weather.

The board was given as a memorial to the late Attorney and Mrs. Foster B. Pettie by their four daughters: Mrs. Fannie P. Watts, a retired social worker, Brooklyn, NY; Mrs. Gladys P. Sanders, public school teacher, Washington, DC; Mrs. Esther P. McLester, reading specialist, Mt. Laurel, NJ; and Miss Augusta Pettie, retired Chatham County, GA public school teacher.

Miss Pettie has been treasurer of First Church for several years, is past Moderator of the Georgia-South Carolina Association and is presently serving on the Southeast Conference Board of Directors.

As honored guest at the Dedication Service was SEC Conference Minister, Dr. William Andes who preached and conducted the special service.

Belvidere UCC Completes New Parsonage

On December 18 pastor Rev. Collie Seymour and his family moved into the newly completed parsonage of Belvidere United Church of Christ, Belvidere, TN. Located directly behind the old parsonage which will eventually be removed, the Seymours report that they greatly enjoy the comfort and warmth of the new home.

In at least two respects Belvidere UCC's new parsonage is highly unusual. In the first place, it is completely paid for. Over \$23,000 in contributions was received from the 120 member congregation which, in addition to other income, covered the \$31,000 construction costs. In the second place, the new parsonage was built largely with volunteer congregational labor, estimated in the magnitude of nearly 2,000 man hours of free labor!

Reflecting on this achievement, Rev. Seymour commented that "in addition to the money contributed many members, too many to name, gave time and effort. Some who gave time and labor left things undone at home in order to get the work of the parsonage finished. There was that kind of dedication among the people. Without the time and labor that was given, the total cost of the new house would be much greater than it is. The new parsonage is evidence of what a congregation can do when they decide to do something and then work together to achieve it."

What more can be said?

Mark Your Calendars

The new year has arrived and with it comes a whole host of new programs and activities. Please check the events and dates listed below and mark your calendars!

- Feb. 1-11 - Dr. Manfred Laun (medical missionary from India)
- Feb. 2 - South AL-Northwest FL Association Sweetheart Banquet — Antioch Church, Andalusia, AL
- Feb. 3 - Local Planning meeting for SEC Annual Meeting — Talladega, AL
- Feb. 4 - North AL Association Executive Committee — St. John's, Cullman
- Feb. 5-6 - Ala-TN Association Minister's Retreat — Soddy-Daisy, TN
- Feb. 9 - 66th Anniversary, Rush Memorial UCC — Atlanta
- Feb. 10 - South Alabama Area Council
- Feb. 14 - Rev. Joe Ingle, Conference on Death Penalty — Atlanta
- Feb. 16-17 - Hunger Training Event, Atlanta
- Ala-Tenn Association Executive Council and Committees, Chattanooga
- Feb. 17 - East AL Ladies Night — Southern Union College, Wadley, AL
- Feb. 23-25 - Youth Core Training Meeting Columbia Seminary, Decatur, GA
- Feb. 24 - Meeting of UCC/Disciples of Alabama
- Feb. 27-28 - OCLL Planning Meeting — Nashville
- Mar. 3-4 - Transfer of Evarts, KY, UCC to Red Bird Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church
- Mar. 14 - SEC Commission on Church and Ministry — Atlanta
- Mar. 16-18 - Ala-Tenn Association Youth Pop-In — Belvidere, TN
- Mar. 17-25 - Rev. Ed Melhoff presenting "Theology of Stewardship" to GA churches
- Mar. 24-27 - Dr. Eugene Wehrli as "Theologian in Residence" at Birmingham Pilgrim UCC
- Mar. 26 - Minister's Luncheon with Dr. Eugene Wehrli — Birmingham Pilgrim UCC
- Mar. 25 - OGHs Sunday
- Jubilee Singers Concert — First E&R, UCC, Nashville
- East AL Women's Fellowship Rally — Lanett, AL
- Mar. 27-30 - CE:SA National and Conference Staff Meeting — Dayton, OH
- Mar. 31-Apr. 1 - Rev. Joyce Myers, OCLL Planning Session — Talladega OCC, Talladega, AL
- Apr. 6-7 - SEC CE:SA Consultants Meeting — Atlanta
- Apr. 7 - North AL Association Minister's Meeting — Union Grove Church,

Funeral Services Observed

Dr. John G. Truitt — Funeral services for Dr. John G. Truitt of Elon College, NC were conducted at the Elon College Community Church December 22, 1978. He had pastored churches in Norfolk and Suffolk, VA and Dayton, Ohio. He was superintendent of the Elon Home for Children from 1949 to 1960.

He had served as president of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches before his retirement. His wife, Mrs. Adelia Jones Truitt, continues to make her home in Elon College, NC.

Mrs. Carl [Zelma] Parker — Funeral services for Mrs. Carl (Zelma) Parker were conducted by Rev. Wesley W. Martin at the Fredonia Congregational Church, Barnesville, GA on January 11, 1979. Burial was in the church cemetery.

For many years her husband pastored several churches in the former Southeast Convention. He preceded his wife in death.

- Haleyville, AL
- Apr. 8-15 - Holy Week
- Apr. 12 - Maundy Thursday
- Apr. 13 - Good Friday
- Apr. 15 - Easter
- Apr. 22 - Oak Grove UCC — Pine Mountain Annual Spring Barbecue — Fair Grounds, Pine Mountain, GA
- Apr. 22-26 - Rev. Ed Melhoff presenting "Theology of Stewardship" to TN churches
- Apr. 27-29 - Convocation for Ministers of Small Churches
- Apr. 29 - SEC Uplands Offering
- Apr. 30-May 2 - SEC Minister's Convocation — Camp Sumatanga, Gallant, AL
- May 4-6 - Ala-Tenn Association Youth Mini-Camp — Camp Kiwanis near Chattanooga
- May 13 - SEC Elon Home for Children Offering
- May 19 - East AL Association Men's Fellowship
- May 31-June 3 - Mid-South Youth Ministry Training Meeting — Columbia, TN
- June 8-10 - SEC Annual Meeting — Talladega, AL
- June 11-15 - Summer Institute of Religion LaGrange College, LaGrange, GA
- June 22-26 - 12th General Synod, UCC

The choir of Midway Congregational UCC, Midway, GA made a special contribution to the worship service on World Order Sunday, October 22. Choir members each wore clothing appropriate to different foreign countries and then related to the congregation the mission work being performed by the United Church in that country.

Handicapped Need To Park, Too!

Lanett Congregational-Christian Church UCC in Lanett, Alabama has discovered there is more to making a church accessible to the ambulatory handicapped than meets the eye. After building a new ramp into the church, it was discovered, due to a lack of reserve parking spaces, that handicapped persons would often have to park some distance from the ramp, further inconveniencing them.

In response, pastor Harold Auler discovered that reserve parking signs for handicapped persons are presently being manufactured for use in hospital parking lots. The signs cost \$5.00 each and consist of baked enamel on steel plate. Orders may be placed either for a sign with "Reserved Parking" in large letters — or for a sign with the same wording in smaller letters above the international symbol for non-ambulatory persons.

To order signs or secure further information, write: Majors Iron Co., P.O. Box 563, 524 W. Grand Ave., Gadsden, AL 35901 or call: 205-442-7570.

The Nestle Boycott: Pro and Con

This past November, 1978 both the United Church Board for World Ministries and the National Council of Churches officially endorsed a boycott against Nestle Co., Inc., and their affiliate companies. The endorsement of the boycott was in relation to Nestle's strong advertising and sales promotion of milk formula in Third World Countries which has been linked to a condition called "Bottle Baby Disease," an illness currently leading to malnutrition, gastro-enteritis and death for some 10 million babies in Third World developing nations.

In response, Nestle's corporation has released and forwarded to many churches a 24-page report denying culpability in the situation.

In order for your church to better wrestle with the facts and ethics of this situation — and respond affirmatively and accordingly — it is suggested that you write for further information to: Rev. Neil Richards, Hunger Action Office, UCBWM, 475 Riverside Drive, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10027 and Nestle Company, Inc., 100 Bloomingdale Road, White Plains, NY 10605.

Dr. Emmett O. Floyd, pastor of the Congregational United Church of Christ in Greensboro, NC since 1967, observed 30 years in the ministry December 31, 1978.

YOUTH CORE DATE CHANGED

The date of the second training weekend of the Southeast Conference Youth Core has been changed to February 23-25. Under the leadership of Youth Core Coordinator Steve Hudder, this second training weekend will be held at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA.

ALA-TENN YOUTH PLANNING AND POP-IN-ING

Some 25 young people and advisors gathered at Pilgrim Congregational UCC in Chattanooga for an Ala-Tenn Youth Planning Meeting and Rally. In addition to conducting in-depth planning for the remaining Association youth events in this program year, some innovative fun and fellowship programming was devised and led in the afternoon by Youth Core members and advisors.

Remaining Ala-Tenn Youth events for this program year include a Pop-In to be held March 16-18 at Belvidere UCC, Belvidere, TN, which is jointly sponsored by the youth of Belvidere and Huntsville churches. May 4-6 are the dates for an Ala-Tenn Mini-Camp to be held at Camp Kiwanis which is located in the Chattanooga area.

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BARTON CHAPEL, UCC, ROBBINS, TN

Around the Conference Barton Chapel, UCC, Robbins, Tennessee

From the Atlantic Ocean to the Mississippi River, from the Gulf of Mexico to the mountains of Kentucky, the Southeast Conference covers a broad expanse of territory. Contained within her boundaries are some 120 churches — widely dispersed — widely diverse in heritage and religious expression — and yet united in the conviction that the churches of Jesus Christ "may all be one."

Set in one of the most beautiful, yet rugged and rural locations in the SEC, is Barton Chapel Congregational-Christian Church, UCC in Robbins, Tennessee.

Organized originally in 1885 by persons moving from the east and the north to the hills of East Tennessee, the church's first frame building was located on the opposite side of the railroad tracks from the church's present building. William E. Barton, who came to Robbins from Berea College, Berea, KY, was the first pastor. During Rev. Barton's two year stay, a son, Bruce, was born. Bruce later became a congressman and well known author. It was with William and Bruce in mind that in 1926 the church was renamed Barton's Chapel on the occasion of the completion of the church's present building.

Through 1960 the church was served by a variety of ministers including Carl Dollar, David White, Orval Sampson, Charles Hawn, George Day, William Schorman

CAMP OZONE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

Camp Ozone, Ozone, TN, has announced the dates for its spring and summer camping program. Nestled around a large lake, Camp Ozone offers a beautiful mountainous setting with miles of trails through timbered terrain and their own waterfall! Owned and operated by the United Presbyterian Church in the USA, Camp Ozone has for years been affiliated with the Southeast Conference and has offered its programs and facilities to youth and adults of SEC churches.

Youth Camping experiences for 1979 are scheduled as follows:

— Mini-Camps: for youth 4th-7th grades, April 28-29, May 5-6; cost — \$12.50; a staff member must be furnished if a Church sends 5 or more campers.

— Pioneer Camps: for youth who have completed 4th or 5th grades, July 1-7 and July 22-28; cost — \$60.

— Explorer Camps: for youth who have completed 6th or 7th grades, July 1-7 and July 22-28; cost — \$40.

— Adventure Camp: for youth who have completed 8th or 9th grades; July 8-18; cost — \$75.

— Elementary Camp: for youth who have completed 3rd grade, July 12-15; cost — \$25.

— Counselors in Training: for youth who have completed 10th grade or above, June 9-16, July 21-29; cost — \$60.

— Open to the general public in June and August by special arrangement. Weekend camps throughout the remainder of the year may also be arranged.

For further information write to Camp Director Mike Idom, Camp Ozone, Ozone, TN 37842.

and Hugh Lassiter. For eleven years, beginning in 1960 the church was pastored by the Rev. Annie Campbell, a recent recipient of the Antoinette Brown Award, who was extremely active in her ministry with the people. The church is presently pastored by Mark Frey. Mark, and his wife Margee, are involved in a number of different ministries including the Morgan-Scott Project and the Scott-Morgan Habitat for Humanity.

While the economic situation is at a very low ebb in the area and many of the church's 19 members are already retired, the church continues to offer weekly worship and Sunday School, maintain a Thrift Shop for the distribution and selling of used clothes, and contribute its labors to a number of other community activities.

Pearl Lawhorn



Bagpiper Lisa McCallum McDonald was flown in from Lineville, NC to join Dr. David Beebe and representatives from five other Scottish clans in a special November 26 worship service at Chattanooga Pilgrim UCC, entitled the "Kirkning o' the Tartan." Dr. Beebe, pastor of Pilgrim Church, is chaplain of the Ross Clan.

NEWS & NOTES

Pastor Harold N. Auler of the Lanett UCC Church was given a gift certificate for a new pulpit robe — a gift of members of three of the church's adult Sunday School classes. The robe which Rev. Auler has been using was given to him at the time of his ordination in 1944. His new robe will arrive early in 1979 at the time of the 35th anniversary of his ordination.

Pilgrim Congregational UCC in Birmingham recently signed a contract to refurbish Independence House, a home purchased by the church to provide a residence for handicapped persons. They hope to have it occupied by March 1st.

Midway Congregational UCC, Midway, GA, celebrated its 107th Anniversary on January 28. Dr. Charles Wade, Vice-President of Savannah State College was the featured speaker.

The Fourth Annual Hunger Training Event, sponsored by the Georgia Inter-church Association will be held at St.

Joseph's Catholic Church in Macon, GA on February 16-17. For further information, write: United Methodist Church, North Georgia Conference, 159 Forrest Ave., N.E., Room 106, Atlanta, GA 30308.

Birmingham Pilgrim UCC members Ethel Mae Owen, Pressley Ingram and Pete, Mel, Mark and Jay Robinson were part of a recent friendship exchange with Costa Rica. They spent ten days living with native families.

Rev. Harold Auler, Sr., father of Lanett UCC minister Harold Auler, Jr., was the recipient this past June of a special award given by the United Church Board for World Ministries to retired missionaries with over 25 years of service. Rev. Auler, Sr. received the award in Florida in recognition of his 45 years of service.

Dr. Eugene Wehrli of Eden Theological Seminary will be the "Theologian in

Caddo Church Celebrates Anniversary

The First Congregational Church, Caddo, Alabama celebrated its 75th Anniversary on Sunday, October 29, 1978. Former pastors, church officers, and former members and their descendents were invited to the service. Nearly 200 were in attendance.

In addition to one member who joined the church two years after it was organized in 1903, four generations of the Thrasher family were present, including Mrs. Janie Wilson, granddaughter of Rev. George Thrasher, the church's first pastor. Rev. Thrasher served two pastorates with the church and his son, the Rev. Marion L. Thrasher, served three different times as pastor.

The Rev. Ernest T. Shelton was presented a plaque in appreciation of his 22 years of service as pastor of the church. Everyone enjoyed the service and the fellowship of seeing old friends.

Films On Child Abuse Available

Two motion pictures on Child Abuse are available from the Southern Conference Office, UCC for use in churches of the Southeast Conference. The films, *Ordinary People* and *A Chain To Be Broken*, are both 16 mm motion pictures running about 25 minutes. If your church is interested in more information on the films and/or in using them on a loan basis, write to: Ruth Dunn, Southern Conference, UCC, P.O. Box 2410, Burlington, NC 27215.

Residence" at the Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC, 3801 Montclair Road, Birmingham, AL, March 24-27. The Shades Valley Ministers Association will have lunch with Dr. Wehrli on March 26. Ministers and members of our UCC churches are invited to attend.